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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

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I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The provisional agenda for the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, proposed in agreement with the President in accordance with rule 9 of the draft rules of procedure being applied,[1] is as follows:

1. Opening of the session:

   (a) Statement by the President of the Conference at its fifth session;

   (b) Election of the President of the Conference at its sixth session;

   (c) Statement by the President;

   (d) Addresses of welcome;

   (e) Statement by the Executive Secretary.

2. Organizational matters:

   (a) Status of ratification of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

   (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;

   (c) Adoption of the agenda;

   (d) Election of officers other than the President;

   (e) Admission of organizations as observers;

   (f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

   (g) Date and venue of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties;

   (h) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies;

   (i) Adoption of the report on credentials.

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[1] See document FCCC/CP/1996/2.

3. Reports of subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom:

(a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice;

(b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.

4. Review of the implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention:

(a) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention;

(b) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention;

(c) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference;

(d) Capacity-building:

(i) Capacity-building in developing countries (non-Annex I Parties);
(ii) Capacity-building in countries with economies in transition;

(e) Development and transfer of technologies (decisions 4/CP.4 and 9/CP.5);

(f) Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol);

(g) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase (decisions 6/CP.4 and 13/CP.5);

(h) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies at their twelfth and thirteenth sessions.

5. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention.[2]

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[2] At the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, it "proved impossible to reach any conclusions or decisions" on this matter (FCCC/CP/1999/6, para. 18). The Group of 77 and China proposed amending the item as follows "Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention" (FCCC/CP/1999/6, para. 17).

6. Proposal to amend the lists in Annexes I and II to the Convention by removing the name of Turkey: review of information and possible decisions under Article 4.2(f) of the Convention.[3]

7. Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (decision 8/CP.4):

   (a) National systems, adjustments and guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol;

   (b) Matters relating to land-use, land-use change and forestry;

   (c) Work programme on mechanisms (decisions 7/CP.4 and 14/CP.5);[4]

   (d) Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol;

   (e) "Best practices" in policies and measures;

   (f) Matters relating to Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol;

   (g) Impact of single projects on emissions in the commitment period (decision 16/CP.4);

   (h) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies at their twelfth and thirteenth sessions.

8. Administrative and financial matters.

9. Statements:

   (a) Statements by Parties;

   (b) Statements by Observer States;

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[3] The earlier amendment proposed by Kazakhstan to add its name to the list in Annex I was withdrawn by a note verbale dated 13 June 2000.

[4] At the fifth session of the Conference, the President proposed, on the basis of consultations with the Bureau, that with regard to this sub-item it should be understood that the work programme on the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms would be dealt with as a whole. In the same spirit, the Conference of the Parties, at its sixth session, would look at those aspects which are to be acted on by the Conference of the Parties as well as those requiring action by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its first session (FCCC/CP/1999/6 para. 16).

(c) Statements by intergovernmental organizations;

(d) Statements by non-governmental organizations.

10. Other matters.

11. Conclusion of the session:

- Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session;

- Closure of the session.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

2. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will hold its sixth session from 13 to 24 November 2000 at the Netherlands Congress Centre in The Hague, Netherlands. The session will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 November 2000.

3. Pursuant to rule 26 of the draft rules of procedure being applied,[5] the session will be opened by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session (COP 5), His Excellency Mr. Jan Szyszko, Secretary of State for Climate Change, Poland.

(a) Statement by the President of the Conference at its fifth session

(b) Election of the President of the Conference at its sixth session

4. Draft rule 22 specifies that the office of President of the Conference is subject to rotation among the five regional groups. The first cycle was completed at COP 5 and a new cycle has begun with the hosting of COP 6 by the Netherlands (Western Europe and Others Group). The President of COP 5 will therefore call for the election of His Excellency Mr. Jan Pronk, Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment of the Netherlands as President of COP 6.

(c) Statement by the President

(d) Addresses of welcome

(e) Statement by the Executive Secretary

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[5] See document FCCC/CP/1996/2.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Status of ratification of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol

5. **Background:** The Conference will have before it a status report on the ratification of the Convention, including declarations made under Article 4.2(g). This report will confirm which States are Parties to the Convention and therefore eligible to participate in decision-making. The number of Parties will total 184 during COP 6, including 183 States and one regional economic integration organization. The COP will also have before it in the same document a status report on the signature and ratification of the Kyoto Protocol. It has already received 22 instruments of ratification or accession.

6. **Action:** The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the document,[6] and invite Parties to ratify or accede to the Protocol. The COP may also wish to invite Parties to provide to the secretariat any information regarding the expected timing of their ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

FCCC/CP/2000/INF.1	*Status of ratification of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol*

(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure

7. **Background:** Article 7.2(k) of the Convention specifies that the COP "shall agree upon and adopt, by consensus, rules of procedure ... for itself and for any subsidiary bodies". After being unable to adopt its rules of procedure at previous sessions, the COP decided to apply the draft rules with the exception of draft rule 42 on voting.[7] It also requested its successive Presidents to conduct consultations on the matter.

8. **Action:** At the beginning of the session, the President of COP 5 will present an oral report on his consultations on the rules. In the absence of consensus, the COP may wish to decide to continue applying the rules of procedure contained in document FCCC/CP/1996/2. The Conference may also wish to invite the President of COP 6 to undertake consultations to try to achieve adoption of the rules.

FCCC/CP/1996/2	*Organizational matters. Adoption of the rules of procedure*

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[6] No provision is made for statements under this sub-item. Relevant information may be communicated in statements made under other items or in writing to the secretariat.

[7] See documents FCCC/CP/1995/7, paragraph 10; FCCC/CP/1996/15, paragraph 12; FCCC/CP/1997/7, paragraph 21, FCCC/CP/1998/16, paragraph 11 and FCCC/CP/1999/6, paragraph 14. The draft rules have been similarly applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the subsidiary bodies.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

9. **Background:** Draft rule 9 specifies that, "in agreement with the President, the secretariat shall draft the provisional agenda of each session" of the COP. In this context, the Executive Secretary has prepared the provisional agenda for COP 6, taking into account the views expressed by Parties at the twelfth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and by the Bureau of the COP.

10. Article 7.2 of the Convention provides that "the Conference of the Parties, as the supreme body of [the] Convention, shall keep under regular review the implementation of the Convention ... and shall make, within its mandate, the decisions necessary to promote the effective implementation of the Convention". The COP at its sixth session will be expected to adopt decisions on matters arising in particular from the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (decision 1/CP.4). In doing so, it will seek to prepare the ground for the further ratification of the Kyoto Protocol necessary to bring about its early entry into force.

11. **Action:** The Conference may wish to consider and adopt the agenda for COP 6.

FCCC/CP/2000/1	*Provisional agenda and annotations*

(d) Election of officers other than the President

12. **Background:** Draft rule 22 provides that "at the commencement of the first meeting of each ordinary session, a President, seven Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention, and a Rapporteur shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. They will serve as the Bureau of the session. Each of the five regional groups shall be represented by two Bureau members and one Bureau member shall represent the small island developing States. The offices of President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the five regional groups." This rule further states that "no officer may serve on the Bureau for more than two consecutive terms of one year".

13. At its twelfth session, the SBI endorsed the proposals contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/4 to elect the new President of COP 6 at the first plenary meeting, to enable him to exercise political leadership throughout the sessional period, and to elect the other members of the Bureau at the second plenary meeting on Monday, 20 November. This will allow the present subsidiary body chairmen to remain in office for the first week of the sessional period for the sake of continuity in completing the contribution of the subsidiary bodies to a successful outcome of COP 6. The President of COP 5 is undertaking consultations on these elections with the aim of advising the future President of COP 6 on the election of the other members of the Bureau.

14. Draft rule 27 provides that "each subsidiary body shall elect its own Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur". However, if there is agreement on the nominations for these officers of the subsidiary bodies, they may also be elected directly by the Conference in plenary session, as was done at COP 4. Alternatively, these elections could be deferred until the fourteenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

15. **Action:** It is expected that the members of the Bureau of COP 6 other than the President will be elected by the Conference at its second plenary meeting on Monday, 20 November. The Conference may also wish to consider electing the vice-chairmen and rapporteurs of the subsidiary bodies.

(e) Admission of organizations as observers

16. **Background:** Article 7.6 of the Convention states, *inter alia*, that "any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object". Following the established procedure, the secretariat will invite those intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations accorded observer status at previous sessions of the Conference to attend COP 6. The procedure for admission to the Conference will apply only to new applicants for observer status.

17. **Action:** The COP will have before it a document containing the list of organizations recommended by the Bureau for admission as observers. The Conference may wish to consider and approve this list at its second plenary meeting.

FCCC/CP/2000/2	*Organizational matters. Admission of organizations as observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations*

(f) Organization of work, including the sessions of the subsidiary bodies

18. **Background:** In accordance with the conclusion of the SBI at its twelfth session (FCCC/SBI/2000/5, para. 43 (d)), the work of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties will be organized in the manner described below, bearing in mind that the COP will meet in conjunction with its two subsidiary bodies (see annex for a tabular overview of the session):

(a) At the first plenary meeting, on the morning of Monday, 13 November, the Conference will take up item 1 of the provisional agenda, Opening of the session. The meeting will begin with a statement by the President of COP 5 to be followed by the election of the President of COP 6. Thereafter there will be statements by the President, representatives of the host country and the Executive Secretary;

(b) Upon completion of item 1 of the provisional agenda, the Conference will go into recess for the rest of the first week. It will neither adopt its agenda nor elect the Bureau members on 13 November (see paragraphs 12 and 18 (a) above). The subsidiary bodies will be convened by their serving chairmen after the opening plenary and meet throughout the first week (in their resumed thirteenth sessions). They will attempt to finalize as many issues as possible and develop draft decisions and conclusions for submission to the Conference before their sessions end on Saturday, 18 November. The provisional agendas for the thirteenth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (parts one and two) are contained in documents FCCC/SBI/2000/6 and FCCC/SBSTA/2000/6;

(c) The President of COP 6 will conduct bilateral and group consultations on key issues during the first week, including consultations on the COP 6 agenda, as necessary. He could also chair a "transitional Bureau" combining the members of the outgoing COP 5 Bureau and any new members already nominated for election to the Bureau of COP 6;

(d) On Monday, 20 November, the Conference will resume its plenary meetings and adopt its agenda, organize its own work and elect the other 10 members of the COP 6 Bureau;

(e) At the same plenary meeting, the chairmen of the subsidiary bodies will report to the Conference on results achieved and on any outstanding issues. Should further work prove necessary on any given item after the subsidiary bodies have completed their work on it, the President of the Conference may decide to hold consultations with ministers and heads of delegation or delegate this responsibility to another member of the Bureau. Such consultations should conclude by the evening of Thursday, 23 November so that the Conference may adopt the final decisions in the afternoon of Friday, 24 November;

(f) Ministers and other senior officials will attend COP 6 during the second week, e.g. from late on Monday, 20 November until Thursday evening or Friday morning. They will deliver short policy statements on Tuesday, 21 November, participate in consultations and give guidance to negotiators;

(g) The scheduling of meetings during the session is based on the availability of conference-servicing facilities during normal working hours. Given the heavy workload of the session, provision has been made for holding two simultaneous meetings, with full interpretation facilities, in the mornings and afternoons of the entire period when the subsidiary bodies are meeting, including Saturday, 18 November. It is also anticipated that either formal or informal meetings will be held every evening.

19. Further details concerning the organization of work of the session will be provided in an addendum to this document.

20. **Action:** The Conference will be invited to agree upon the organization of the session, including the proposed schedule of meetings, and to encourage the President of the Conference to conclude all negotiations by the close of business on Thursday, 23 November. It will also be

necessary to decide on the time limit proposed for the statements under item 9 of the provisional agenda (see paragraph 76 below).

FCCC/CP/2000/1	*Provisional agenda and annotations [COP]*
FCCC/SBSTA/2000/6	*Provisional agenda and annotations [SBSTA]*
FCCC/SBI/2000/6	*Provisional agenda and annotations [SBI]*

(g) Date and venue of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties

21. **Background:** Draft rule 3 specifies that "the sessions of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the secretariat in consultation with the Parties". Draft rule 4 states that "at each ordinary session, the Conference of the Parties shall decide on the date and duration of the next ordinary session". A decision on the date and place of COP 7 is therefore required at COP 6. A recommendation by the SBI on the offer by the Kingdom of Morocco to host COP 7 will be submitted to the Conference for consideration and adoption. The Conference has already agreed on the dates for the second sessional period in 2001, 29 October to 9 November, which will be the dates of COP 7.[8]

22. **Action:** The Conference is expected to adopt, on the recommendation of the SBI, a decision on the date and venue of COP 7.

(h) Calendar of meetings of Convention bodies

23. **Background:** At its fifth session, the COP adopted the calendar of meetings of Convention bodies for 2000-2003.[9] The SBI at its twelfth session (FCCC/SBI/2000/5, para. 43 (f)) decided to recommend to the COP for adoption the following dates for the first and second sessional periods in 2004:

(a) First sessional period: from 14 to 25 June 2004;

(b) Second sessional period: from 29 November to 10 December 2004;

24. **Action:** The Conference is expected to approve changes to the calendar of meetings adopted at COP 5 and add the above dates to the calendar in light of the recommendation of the SBI.

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[8] FCCC/CP/1998/16/Add.1, decision 19/CP.4.

[9] FCCC/CP/1999/6, paragraph 31.

(i) Adoption of the report on credentials

25. **Background:** Draft rule 19 specifies that the credentials of representatives of Parties, as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers, shall be submitted not later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the session. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the secretariat. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. In accordance with draft rule 20, the Bureau will be required to examine and report to the Conference on these credentials.

26. **Action:** Based on the report of the Bureau, the Conference will be required to approve the credentials of the representatives of Parties attending the session. Representatives will be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending this decision.

FCCC/CP/2000/4	*Credentials of the representatives of Parties to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*

3. Reports of subsidiary bodies and decisions and conclusions arising therefrom

(a) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice

(b) Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

27. **Background:** Article 7.2(j) of the Convention requires the Conference to review reports submitted by its subsidiary bodies and provide guidance to them. The COP will have before it the reports of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on their twelfth and thirteenth (part 1) sessions, held in June and September 2000. Oral reports on the resumed thirteenth sessions will be presented by the chairmen.

28. **Action:** The Conference will be invited to take note of these reports at its second plenary meeting; the draft decisions recommended therein will be considered at the appropriate time under the relevant agenda items and action taken on their recommendations.

FCCC/SBSTA/2000/5	*Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its twelfth session, Bonn, 12-16 June 2000*
FCCC/SBI/2000/5	*Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its twelfth session, Bonn, 12-16 June 2000*

FCCC/SBSTA/2000/10	*Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on its thirteenth session (part 1), Lyon, 11-15 September 2000*
FCCC/SBI/2000/10	*Report of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on its thirteenth session (part 1), Lyon, 11-15 September 2000*

4. Review of the implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention

29. The COP will consider the following sub-items upon receiving reports on the completion of work by the subsidiary bodies, including any decisions they recommend.

(a) National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

30. **Background:** In accordance with decisions 9/CP.2 and 3/CP.5, national inventory data on emissions by sources and removals by sinks are to be submitted by Annex I Parties by 15 April of each year. The COP, by its decision 6/CP.3, requested the secretariat to collect, process and publish, on a regular basis, national greenhouse gas inventories submitted annually by Annex I Parties in accordance with decision 9/CP.2. The secretariat prepared, for consideration by the SBI at its thirteenth session, a compilation of the latest available annual inventory data (FCCC/SBI/2000/11). By its decision 6/CP.5, the Conference of the Parties requested the secretariat to prepare documentation in support of the technical review of greenhouse gas inventories outlined in that decision.

31. **Action:** The COP may wish to consider adopting a decision based on the conclusions and/or recommendations of the SBI at its thirteenth session with regard to the latest inventory data available for 1990-1998 from Annex I Parties, as appropriate. The COP may also take note of the report on progress with the implementation of decision 6/CP.5 and provide guidance on the decision's implementation.

(b) National communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

32. **Background:** The COP, by its decision 7/CP.5, requested the secretariat to prepare the second compilation and synthesis of initial communications from non-Annex I Parties, based on submissions received from Parties by 1 June 2000, and to make that report available to the subsidiary bodies at their thirteenth sessions, and to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session. It also requested the secretariat to report on the problems encountered in using the guidelines for the preparation of initial communications by non-Annex I Parties, and on other issues raised by non-Annex I Parties, with a view to further enhancing the comparability and focus of the communications. An executive summary and a full report on the second compilation and synthesis of initial national communications will be considered by the SBI at its resumed thirteenth session.

33. **Action:** The COP may wish to consider the conclusions and/or recommendations of the SBI at its thirteenth session.

(c) Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference

34. The Memorandum of Understanding between the COP and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), annexed to decision 12/CP.2, provides, *inter alia*, that the GEF will make available annual reports which should include specific information on how it has applied the guidance and decisions of the COP in its work related to the Convention.

35. **Action:** The GEF will submit its annual report to the Conference of the Parties; the COP will consider the report upon receiving any draft decisions recommended by the SBI, possibly including new elements of guidance to the GEF.

FCCC/CP/2000/3	*Report of the Global Environment Facility to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties*

(d) Capacity-building

(i) Capacity-building in developing countries (non-Annex I Parties)

36. **Background:** In accordance with decision 10/CP.5, elements of a draft framework for capacity-building activities in developing countries were developed for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their thirteenth sessions (FCCC/SB/2000/8).

37. **Action:** The COP is expected to adopt a comprehensive decision on capacity-building in developing countries on the basis of a recommendation from the subsidiary bodies.

(ii) Capacity-building in countries with economies in transition

38. **Background:** In accordance with decision 11/CP.5, elements of a draft framework for capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition were developed for consideration by the subsidiary bodies at their thirteenth sessions (FCCC/SB/2000/9).

39. **Action:** The COP is expected to adopt a comprehensive decision on capacity-building in countries with economies in transition on the basis of a recommendation from the subsidiary bodies.

(e) Development and transfer of technologies (decisions 4/CP.4 and 9/CP.5)

40. **Background:** By its decision 4/CP.4, the Conference requested the Chairman of the SBSTA to establish a consultative process to consider the list of issues and questions contained in the annex to that decision, as well as any additional issues and questions subsequently

identified by Parties, and to make recommendations on how they should be addressed in order to achieve agreement on a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention. By its decision 9/CP.5, the Conference agreed to extend, until its sixth session, the consultative process. It requested the Chairman of the SBSTA, with the assistance of the secretariat and drawing on inter-sessional consultations, to make available at the thirteenth session of the SBSTA a report on the outcome of the consultative process incorporating a draft text on a framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4.5 of the Convention, with a view to adopting a decision at its sixth session.

41. **Action:** The Conference is expected to adopt, on the recommendation of the SBSTA, a decision on the development and transfer of technologies.

(f) Implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol)

42. **Background:** By its decision 5/CP.4, the COP adopted the programme of work set out in the annex to that decision. According to this programme of work, the COP, at its sixth session, is to identify any additional actions needed to address the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention, as well as Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol. By its decision 12/CP.5, the Conference decided to continue the process of implementation established by decisions 3/CP.3 and 5/CP.4 and to assess the process at its sixth and, as appropriate, subsequent sessions. The subsidiary bodies were also invited to make recommendations to COP 6 after considering the reports of the inter-sessional workshops.

43. **Action:** The Conference is expected to adopt a decision, or decisions, on any further actions needed to address the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention, as well as Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol.

(g) Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase (decisions 6/CP.4 and 13/CP.5)

44. **Background:** The COP, at its first session, requested the subsidiary bodies to prepare, with the assistance of the secretariat, an annual synthesis report on activities implemented jointly (AIJ) under the pilot phase for consideration by the Conference of the Parties (decision 5/CP.1).

45. The COP, by its decision 13/CP.5, encouraged Parties involved in activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase to submit, by 30 June 2000, further information on such activities, using the uniform reporting format, for consideration in a fourth synthesis report. This report is contained in document FCCC/SB/2000/6. All reports on AIJ project activities considered in the synthesis report are available on the UNFCCC web site.[10]

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[10] http://www.unfccc.de/program/aij/index.html

46. By the same decision, the COP invited Parties to provide proposals for the improvement of the draft revised uniform reporting format contained in document FCCC/SB/1999/5/Add.1 by 31 March 2000. Based on the six submissions received, the secretariat has prepared a further draft revision of the uniform reporting format and draft guidance for its use (FCCC/SB/2000/6/Add.1).

47. **Action:** The Conference will be invited by the SBI to take note of the fourth synthesis report and to consider, and possibly adopt, the revised uniform reporting format.

(h) Other matters referred to the COP by the subsidiary bodies at their twelfth and thirteenth sessions

48. Any other matters considered by the subsidiary bodies requiring the attention of the COP will be taken up under this item.

5. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention

49. **Background:** Article 4.2(d) provides that a second review of Article 4.2, subparagraphs (a) and (b), shall take place not later than 31 December 1998. At COP 4, it "proved impossible to reach any agreed conclusions or decisions" on this matter.[11] In accordance with draft rule 16,[12] the item was thus placed on the agenda for COP 5. During the adoption of the agenda for COP 5, the Group of 77 and China proposed amending the agenda item to read as follows "Review of the adequacy of implementation of Article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention". There was no agreement on that proposal and the President expressed his intention to undertake further consultations with a view to reaching a consensus. The Conference accordingly adopted the agenda of the session, with the exception of the item in question, which was held in abeyance. At the final plenary meeting on 5 November 1999, on the proposal of the President, the Conference "decided to include [the item], as formulated in the provisional agenda, in the agenda of the fifth session and to conclude, in respect of that item, that it had proved impossible to reach any conclusions or decisions at the ... session. Consequently, rule 16 and rule 10 (c) of the draft rules of procedure being applied will continue to apply to this item and the item will be included in the provisional agenda of the sixth session".[13] The amendment to the wording of the item proposed by the Group of 77 and China is recorded in a footnote to the item in the provisional agenda for COP 6.

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[11] FCCC/CP/1998/16, paragraph 64.

[12] This rule states that "any item of the agenda of an ordinary session, consideration of which has not been completed at the session, shall be included automatically in the agenda of the next ordinary session, unless otherwise decided by the Conference of the Parties."

[13] FCCC/CP/1999/6, paragraphs 17-18.

50. **Action:** The Conference may wish to adopt conclusions and/or a decision in order to conclude its deliberations on the item. The President may conduct informal consultations with a view to determining how best to address this issue.

FCCC/CP/1998/11 and Add.1 and 2	*Review of the implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention. National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Second compilation and synthesis of second national communications. Summary*
FCCC/CP/1998/MISC.6 and Add. 1	*Review of the implementation of commitments and of other provisions of the Convention. Second review of the adequacy of Article 4.2(a) and (b). Compilation of submissions by Parties*
FCCC/CP/1996/12 and Add.1 and 2	*Second compilation and synthesis of first national communications from Annex I Parties*

6. Proposal to amend the lists in Annexes I and II to the Convention by removing the name of Turkey: review of information and possible decisions under Article 4.2(f) of the Convention[14]

51. **Background:** At its fifth session, the COP recalled the proposals made by Pakistan and Azerbaijan at its third session for the deletion of the name of Turkey from the lists included in Annexes I and II to the Convention. It also took note of the new information submitted by Turkey, which is not yet a Party to the Convention. The Conference, after hearing statements from Parties, requested the President to undertake informal consultations with a view to concluding consideration of the proposal at the end of the session. The President reported that it had not been possible to reach consensus on the proposed amendment. The Conference took note of the report by the President and the efforts by Turkey to advance the implementation of the objective of the Convention even at a time when it was not a Party. In recognition of the efforts made by Turkey, the Conference requested the President to intensify his search for a satisfactory solution and decided to consider the matter again at its sixth session under an item entitled "Review of information and possible decisions under Article 4, paragraph 2 (f), of the Convention". The COP requested the Executive Secretary to place the item on the agenda of the sixth session.

52. **Action:** The COP may wish to hear and consider any new proposals on the matter with a view to concluding deliberations on the item by the end of the session.

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[14] See also footnote 3.

FCCC/CP/1997/MISC.3	*Review of information and possible decisions under Article 4.2(f). Submission by Turkey.*

FCCC/SBI/1997/15	*Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings. Amendments to the Convention or its annexes. Letters from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Azerbaijani Republic, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Community and its Member states) and Kuwait proposing amendments to the Convention or its annexes*[15]

7. Preparations for the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (decision 8/CP.4)[16]

53. The COP will consider the following sub-items upon receiving reports on the completion of work by the subsidiary bodies, including any decisions they recommend.

(a) National systems, adjustments and guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol

54. **Background:** By its decision 8/CP.4, the COP agreed to prepare guidelines under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol with a view to recommending at its sixth session guidelines under these articles, for adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its first session (COP/MOP 1). The SBSTA, at its twelfth session, recognized that some elements of these guidelines will be further elaborated at a later stage (FCCC/SBSTA/2000/5, para. 36).

55. **Action:** The Conference is expected to agree on guidelines relating to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Protocol and recommend them to the COP/MOP for adoption. The COP is also expected to adopt a decision on when such guidelines should be further elaborated and completed.

(b) Matters relating to land-use, land-use change and forestry

56. Background: By its decision 16/CP.5, the COP endorsed a work programme with a view to recommending, at its sixth session, draft decisions relating to Article 3.3 and 3.4 of the Kyoto Protocol for adoption by the COP/MOP.

57. **Action:** The Conference is expected to agree on the text of decisions relating to Article 3.3 and 3.4 of the Protocol and recommend them to COP/MOP 1 for adoption.

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[15] The proposals from Kuwait and the Netherlands have since been withdrawn.

[16] See also footnote 4.

(c) Work programme on mechanisms (decisions 7/CP.4 and 14/CP.5)

58. **Background:** The COP, by its decision 7/CP.4 decided on a work programme on mechanisms, to be undertaken with priority given to the clean development mechanism, and with a view to taking decisions on all the mechanisms under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol at its sixth session, including, where appropriate, recommendations to COP/MOP 1. At its fifth session, the Conference requested the subsidiary bodies to advance negotiations to achieve the above-mentioned objective (decision 14/CP.5).

59. **Action:** The Conference is expected to adopt decisions on all mechanisms under Articles 6, 12 and 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, including, where appropriate, recommendations to COP/MOP 1.

(d) Procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol

60. **Background:** By its decision 15/CP.5, the COP decided that the Joint Working Group on Compliance (JWG) should continue its work, based on the mandate contained in decision 8/CP.4. It requested the JWG to aim at completing its work and to provide a report on its findings to COP 6, through the subsidiary bodies, so as to enable the Conference of the Parties to agree on a decision on compliance under the Kyoto Protocol at that session. (The COP will also consider outstanding matters relating to the proposed multilateral consultative committee (see paragraph 81 below)).

61. **Action:** The Conference is expected to adopt a decision on compliance under the Kyoto Protocol and recommend it to COP/MOP 1 for adoption.

(e) "Best practices" in policies and measures

62. Background: By its decision 8/CP.4, the COP requested the secretariat to prepare a report on "best practices" in policies and measures for consideration by the SBSTA at its eleventh session. It also requested the secretariat to organize a workshop on "best practices" in policies and measures on the basis of the conclusions of the SBSTA at its eleventh session and to report the results of the workshop to the COP at its sixth session. The workshop was held in Copenhagen from 11 to 13 April 2000.

63. **Action:** The COP will be invited to take note of the report of the workshop held in Copenhagen. It is expected to endorse the conclusions of the SBSTA at its thirteenth session and adopt any decisions recommended by the SBSTA on how to advance the work on best practices in policies and measures.

(f) Matters relating to Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol

64. **Background:** According to Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol, COP/MOP 1 shall consider actions to implement the provisions of Article 3.14. The COP, at its fifth session, having

considered this matter along with the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 3/CP.3 and Articles 2.3 and 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol), decided to consider further, at its sixth session, matters related to Article 3.14 as an input to COP/MOP 1, taking into account its ongoing discussions on the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention (decision 12/CP.5).

65. **Action:** The COP may wish to adopt a decision, either separately or as part of the decision on the implementation of Article 4.8 and 4.9 of the Convention, on the consideration by COP/MOP 1 of what actions are necessary to minimize the adverse effects of climate change and/or the impacts of response measures on developing country Parties in accordance with Article 3.14 of the Kyoto Protocol.

(g) Impact of single projects on emissions in the commitment period (decision 16/CP.4)

66. **Background:** By its decision 1/CP.3, paragraph 5 (d), the COP decided to take up, at its fourth session, the "consideration of and, as appropriate, action on suitable methodologies to address the situation of Parties listed in Annex B to the [Kyoto] Protocol for which single projects would have a significant proportional impact on emissions in the commitment period". By its decision 16/CP.4, the COP requested the SBSTA to report any additional information on this issue to it at its fifth session and resolved to take a conclusive decision on the matter, as appropriate, at that session.

67. At its fifth session, the COP endorsed the conclusions of the SBSTA at its eleventh session, in which the SBSTA decided to consider this issue further at its thirteenth session, taking into account any additional information provided by Parties up to 17 July 2000, with a view to recommending a decision for adoption by the COP at its sixth session (FCCC/SBSTA/1999/14, para. 60).

68. **Action:** The COP is expected to adopt a decision on the impact of single projects on emissions in the commitment period on the basis of a recommendation from the SBSTA at its thirteenth session.

(h) Other matters referred to the Conference of the Parties by the subsidiary bodies at their twelfth and thirteenth sessions

69. Any other matters considered by the subsidiary bodies requiring the attention of the COP will be taken up under this item.

8. Administrative and financial matters

70. **Background:** Upon considering the report by the Executive Secretary on 'late payment of contributions: response options', the SBI, at its twelfth session, prepared a draft decision for consideration at its thirteenth session (FCCC/SBI/2000/5).

71. The financial procedures of UNFCCC (decision 15/CP.1) require that a final audited statement of accounts for the full financial period shall be provided to the Conference of

the Parties as soon as possible after the accounts for the financial period are closed. The audited financial statements for the biennium 1998-1999 are contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/9.

72. Information on income and expenditure as well as programme delivery during the first half of 2000 is presented in document FCCC/SBI/2000/8. This document includes an update on personnel matters and administrative arrangements.

73. Information on the status as at 31 October 2000 of contributions by Parties to the core budget, to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities of the UNFCCC is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.11.

74. Matters related to the implementation of the headquarters agreement were considered by the SBI at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions.

75. **Action:** The COP is expected to consider and adopt an omnibus decision on administrative and financial matters, including on late payment of contributions, on the basis of recommendations from the SBI. The COP may also address questions arising from the implementation of the headquarters agreement among the United Nations, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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9. Statements

(a) Statements by Parties

(b) Statements by Observer States

(c) Statements by intergovernmental organizations

(d) Statements by non-governmental organizations

76. Brief policy statements by ministers and other heads of delegation will be heard in the afternoon of Tuesday, 21 November from 3 p.m. until midnight. Full texts of the official statements will be circulated, if a sufficient number of copies is provided to the secretariat in the course of the session.

77. Given the number of Parties and the limited amount of time available for statements, it will be necessary for the Conference to limit the duration of each statement. The recommended time limit is three to four minutes. Statements on behalf of groups of Parties, where the other members of the group do not speak, are strongly encouraged; additional time will be provided for group statements.

78. The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 2 October to Friday, 3 November. Enquiries regarding this list may be sent to the Office of the Secretary of the Conference at the UNFCCC secretariat, telephone number (49-228) 815-1520 or (49-228) 815-1426; fax number (49-228) 815-1999; e-mail: secretariat@unfccc.int

79. The representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations will be invited to make statements to the COP on the morning of Tuesday, 21 November. The recommended time limit for all such statements is three to four minutes. Further information concerning the speakers' list for this item will be included in the notification to participants.

10. Other matters

80. Any other matters for the attention of the COP will be taken up under this item. One such item pertains to the recommendation made by the subsidiary bodies at their twelfth sessions that the Conference adopt, at its sixth session, a draft resolution on solidarity with southern African countries, particularly with Mozambique, where a cyclone had brought devastation and great loss of life (FCCC/SBI/2000/5 and FCCC/SBSTA/2000/5).

81. Another item for the attention of the COP pertains to the proposed multilateral consultative committee, which may also be relevant to the ongoing discussions on the procedures and mechanisms relating to compliance under the Kyoto Protocol (see paragraph 60 above).

82. The President of the COP at its fifth session requested Mr. Slade, Vice-President of the Conference, to conduct informal consultations on the outstanding issues pertaining to the establishment of a multilateral consultative process (decision 10/CP.4). Mr. Slade, in reporting on the outcome of his consultations, indicated that consensus on the outstanding issues had not yet been achieved. The COP, on the proposal of the President, decided to defer consideration of the issue to its sixth session (FCCC/CP/1999/6, paras. 104-105). The President may conduct the informal consultations or request a member of the Bureau to conduct consultations on the outstanding issues and report to the Conference on the outcome.

11. Conclusion of the session

(a) Adoption of the report of the Conference of the Parties on its sixth session

83. **Background:** A draft report on the work of the session will be prepared for adoption by the COP at the end of its session.

84. **Action:** In accordance with established practice, the COP will be invited to adopt the draft report and authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the session, under the guidance of the President and with the assistance of the secretariat.

(b) Closure of the session

85. The President will declare the session closed.

Annex

OVERVIEW OF THE SESSIONAL PERIOD

Monday, 13 November	Tuesday, 14 November	Wednesday, 15 November	Thursday, 16 November	Friday, 17 November	Saturday, 18 November
Opening of COP 6 (*Item 1* of the provisional agenda) Opening of the subsidiary body sessions	SBSTA/SBI	SBSTA/SBI	SBSTA/SBI	SBSTA/SBI	SBSTA/SBI (Conclusion of the sessions)
Monday, 20 November	**Tuesday, 21 November**	**Wednesday, 22 November**	**Thursday, 23 November**	**Friday, 24 November**	
COP 6 resumes (*Items 2 (a) - (h)* and *item 3* of the provisional agenda; other items as necessary)	Statements: a.m. - Observer States and organizations p.m. - Parties (extended meeting)	COP 6: Negotiations and consultations	COP 6: Negotiations and consultations	COP 6 concludes: Adoption of decisions and conclusions	
	Participation by ministers and senior officials envisaged				

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